

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 1, 2018 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 1st day of February, 2018 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro attended Alfred State College having majored in Marketing, enhanced her professional education by attending the Institute for Organizational Management at Notre Dame and later at University of Delaware at Newark; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro began her career with the Amherst Chamber of Commerce 35 years ago as the single staff person, and where under her leadership, the Chamber has seen an increase in membership from less than 200 members to over 3,000, representing more than 1,300 businesses, with the annual budget having grown from \$24,000 when she started to today's high of over \$1.9 million, and where the Chamber currently has eight full-time, professional staff and operates out of a suite of offices in Centerpointe Corporate Park in Williamsville; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro has served on the Transition Team for several Erie County Executives, from both sides of the aisle; has served on numerous not-for-profit and community boards of directors including WNY Autism Foundation, Hospice Playhouse Project, Executive Women International, Buffalo Prep, Unyts, Williamsville Sweet Home Junior Football Association and Shea's Performing Arts; served as the first Chairman of the University at Buffalo Leadership Development Program; and was appointed by former Governor George Pataki to serve as a Commissioner on the Peace Bridge Authority and to the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro was the first woman honored as the Executive of the Year by the Buffalo Sales and Marketing Executives, an honor she received in 1998, and where that same year Daemen College named her Citizen of the Year; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Business in 1999, during the same year that she served on the Board of Directors of New York State Chamber of Commerce Executives; and*

WHEREAS, *Colleen DiPirro was selected by Ralph Wilson, the late owner of the Buffalo Bills, to serve on the Project 21 initiative, was named the Buffalo Bills Citizen of the Year in 2009, which she is the second recipient behind Ralph Wilson, and continues to serve as event and sponsorship coordinator and as a member of the Advisory Board for the Buffalo Bills Alumni; and*

WHEREAS, *Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Colleen DiPirro to the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, a position she has held since it was created, and to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Board of Directors in 2016; and*

WHEREAS, Colleen DiPirro was the first President of the Western New York Chamber Alliance, which is an organization for Chamber Executives serving an eight county region, where she was identified as one of the top 100 most influential people in Western New York by Business First several times and one of the Top Ten Most Influential Women in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Colleen DiPirro currently is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Independent Health, and was appointed to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency Policy Committee by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz; and

WHEREAS, among the numerous accomplishments and positions, Colleen DiPirro's most treasured role is that of mother to her two sons and proud grandmother of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Colleen DiPirro will be honored and celebrated for her many accomplishments, contributions, and recent retirement on February 1, 2018 by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge

Colleen DiPirro

on her many years of service to the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and the Western New York Region in many capacities, and to grant her the best of wishes on her retirement and future endeavors.

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District

Thomas A. Loughran
Erie County Legislator, 5th District